



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** in the early hours of April 19, 1775, three patriots-Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott-rode through the streets of Massachusetts to warn fellow colonists that British troops had been assembled and were advancing with the intention of capturing patriot leaders and military stores; and

**WHEREAS,** answering the alarm, men and women congregated, took up arms, and commenced the struggle that would end England's control of the American Colonies; and

**WHEREAS,** Patriot's Day is a long standing tradition that honors the patriots at the Battle of Lexington who fired "the shot heard 'round the world" starting the Revolutionary War and the battle for American Independence; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate that we recognize the importance of this day in our history and pay tribute to the dedication of those who remind us of the courage and sacrifice of our founders that pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to bestow the blessings of liberty upon this great state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2006, as

### PATRIOT'S DAY

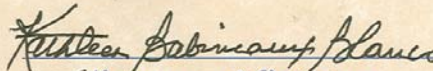
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 25th day of April  
A. D., 2006*

  
Governor of Louisiana